Development of Light Combat Aircraft

1437. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA:

SHRI SURESH KALMADI.

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what was the original time schedule for design, development, testing and production of the Light Combat Aircraft;

(b) what progress has so far been made in developing a Light Combat Aircraft;

(c) by when the Light Combat Aircraft design and prototype expected and its manufacturing undertaken,

(d) whether there is any delay in this regard, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether Government propose to import some combat aircrafts before the manufacture of Light Combat Aircraft is undertaken to replace the grounded squadrons of MIG-21's and MIG-23's; if so what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI LALIT VIJAY SINGH): (a) The first prototype of LCA was scheduled to fly in 1991 and the series production was expected to start in 1994.

(b) The Project Definition Phase of the LCA has been completed Full Scale Engineering Development (FSED) of the Light Combat Aircraft is being taken up in phases Government sanction is being sought for Phase I activities in which critical technologies are planned to be demonstrated Phase II of FSED is envisaged for integration of various technologies and will be carried out in parallel to the Phase I work. Due to the phased nature of FSED, the programee for production phase to follow is expected to be determined during the progress of FSED.

(c) The roll-out of the first LCA core technology demonstrator platform under Phase I is expected in 1995. As per current estimates, the manufacture of LCA is likely to start in the early years of the decade starting 2000.

(d) Yes, Sir. The reasons for delay are as under:—

(i) we have not had indigenous aircraft development programme for more than 25 years and competence in some advanced aeronautical technologies was therefore not built up;

(ii) access to and export clearance of some critical technologies from abroad (e.g. mainframe computers, aeronautics software, digital flight controls, composite materials etc.);

(iii) infrastructure facilities like wind tunnel for evaluating LCA configurations (some LCA models had to be tested in wind tunnels abroad);

(iv) time gap in finalisation of the strategy for post-Project Definition Phase activities in consultation with all concerned agencies/establishments and the user.

(e) No MIG-21 or MIG-23 Squadron is grounded at present. It would not be in the public interest to disclose Government plans regarding replacement of Combat aircraft of the IAF fleet.

पंजाब में ग्राम सुरक्षा संगठन

1438. **श्री अजीत जोगी :**

कुमारी आलिया :

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि पंजाब मे आतंकवादी पंजाब प्रशासन द्वारा गठित ग्राम सुरक्षा संगठनों को निष्क्रिय बनाने की योजना. बना रहे हैं ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार द्वारा इस संबंध में क्या कार्यवाही की गई है?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय में राज्य

मंत्री (श्री सुबोध कान्त सहाय) : (क) और (ख) आतंकवादियो ने सीमावर्ती क्षेत्रों मे रक्षा समितियों के ग्रामीण सदस्यों और सुरक्षा बलों के कार्मिकों पर आक्रमण किया है । राज्य सरकार स्थिति से पूरी तरह अवगत है तथा आतंकवादियो के इरादों को नाकाम करने और ग्रामीणों में विश्वास कायम करने के लिए उचित कार्रवाई कर रही है ।

Profits from the Film 'Gandhi'

1439 SHRI AJIT P. K JOGI:

KUMARI ALIA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state·

(a) what are the profits earned by the National Film Development Corporation (N.F D C) on of the film 'Gandhi' so far and how much of it has been transferred to the Cine Workers Welfare Fund;

(b) whether Government propose to take any action against Sir Richard Attenborough for his failure to transfer part of the profits from the Film 'Gandhi' as per the agreement with Government of India in April, 1981; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) The National Film Development Corporation (N.F.D. C) has received profits amounting to Rs. 3.05 crores as its share, in the net profit from the film 'GANDHI'. NFDC did not have to transfer any amount to the Cine Workers Welfare Fund because it has only received profits as per the apportionment agreed to in the Co-production and Finance Agreement.

(b) and (c) The Government is adopting a two-pronged approach viz., that of negotiations with Sir Richard Attenborough to ensure that he agrees to the repatriation of 5 per cent of the net profits earned from the film for crediting in the Cine Artistes Welfare Fund, and simultaneously preparing itself to get the issue settled in a Court of Law in U. K. in case the negotiations do not yield the desired results.

मध्य प्रदेश के रीवा जिले में सेना द्वारा चांदमारी का अभ्यास

1440. श्री अजीत जोगी :
कुमारी आलिया :

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सेना मध्य प्रदेश के रीवा जिले के गगूढ़ और बदवार गावो के पास की पहाड़ियों में पिछले कई वर्षों से चादमारी के अभ्यास करती आ रही है ;

(ख) इनके परिणामस्वरूप, कितने व्यक्ति हताहत हुये हैं ;

(ग) क्या सरकार चांदमारी के वर्तमान स्थल को किसी अन्य उपयुक्त स्थान पर, विशेषत: उत्तर प्रदेश के बांदा जिले और मध्य प्रदेश के रीवा जिले से लगे वन क्षेत्रों में स्थानातरित करने का विचार रखती है जिससे कि इन दोनों स्थानो पर व्याप्त डाकुओं के आंतक को समाप्त किया जा सके ; और

(घ) यदि नही, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री ललित विजय सिंह) : (क) सेना मध्य प्रदेश में रीवा चांदमारी रेंज मे 1972 से चांदमारी का अभ्यास कर रही है। गगुड और बदनार गांव के पास की पहाडियां इसी रेंज का एक भाग है।

(ख) पिछले पांच वर्षों के दौरान चांदमारी अभ्यास में 3 व्यक्तियों की मृत्यु हुई और 5 घायल हुये।

(ग) और (घ) इस रेंज को किसी अन्य स्थान पर ले जाने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।